



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1-19 and 24-31 are canceled by this response. Accordingly, after entry of these amendments and remarks, claims 20-23 and 32-42 remain pending.

In the latest office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 20-23 and 32-41 were allowed. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner. In order to expedite issuance of these allowed claims, non-allowed claims 1-19 and 24-31 are hereby canceled without prejudice to filing of continuation applications directed thereto.

Finally, Applicants note that claim 42 remains pending, but was not acknowledged by the Examiner in the latest office action received. Claim 42 depends from allowed claim 32, and thus Applicants believe that this dependent claim is also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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